

Hobble skirts and high heels are blamed for many accidents. Despite the danger, women will continue to wear them; for no one has ever questioned her bravery in the cause of fashion.

Those well versed in woodcraft point out that even in the "trackless forest" nature provides many natural compasses to keep the traveler straight in his course.

For instance, there is a mature tree that stands apart from its fellows. The bark on this tree will be harder,

drier and lighter in color on the south side. On the north it will show a clump of mold or moss. On the south side of the evergreen trees growth will be hard and amber colored. On the north side this gum is softer, generally dustier, and is of a soiled gray hue. Hardwood trees—the oak, the ash, elm, hickories, mesquite, etc.—have moss and mold on the north. Leaves are smaller, tougher, lighter in color and with darker veins on the south side. On the north they are longer, of darker green and with lighter veins.

Spiders build on the south side. The south air plants will attach themselves to the north side. Cedars bend their tips to the south.

Sawed or cut stumps will afford of the compass points, inasmuch as the concentric rings are thicker on the south side. The heart of the stump is thus nearest to the north side. These results are said to be due to the influence of the sun. Stones are bare on the south side; and if the snow how many moss at all it will be on the north. At best, on the sunny side

only a thin covering of harsh, half-moss will be found.

Suffrage Conditions in Belgium.
The Belgians must have grown weary of the "college man in politics. A Belgian who is a graduate of a university, or holds a diploma from one of the great technical schools, has the "supplementary votes." This is a grievance to the Belgian masses, who insist on manhood suffrage. The special privilege of the learned is one of the many peculiarities of

Belgian system, as the family man has two votes to the bachelor's one, and there are property qualifications for the sides. If the proposed social struggle for manhood suffrage, only one per voter, is carried into operation, Belgium may present scenes worthy of its stormy past. The Belgians are a genius for organizing discontent. Twenty years ago when they expelled a broadening of the suffrage was noted that the rioters were especially well handled and fought with intelligence that surprised the world.

The explanation was that the rioters were disciplined and directed by "servists" who instead of "joining in the colors," joined the revolt.

Saving Electric Current.
Repeatedly interrupting the current for infinitesimal fractions of time, permitting the filament to cool but not interfering with the light as perceived by the human eye, a French electrician has invented a lamp which, he claims uses but one two-hundredths

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